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DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE
Committee on Imagery Requirements and Exploitation
Washington, DC 20505

9 January 1985

MEMORANDUM FOR:

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Chief, CRES/DDI

SUBJECT:

Proposed Termination of Sanitization and Decontrol Working Group (SDWG) (U)

REFERENCE:

Memo for Chairman, COMIREX, from Chairman, SDWG, dated 18 April 1984, same subject (DDI-03248/84) (U)

1. Reference memorandum recommends that the Sanitization and Decontrol Working Group (SDWG) of COMIREX be terminated and that its functions, as appropriate, be assumed by the COMIREX TALENT-KEYHOLE Modification Working Group (TMWG). I tend to favor this recommendation and plan to approve the concept, subject, of course, to COMIREX concurrence. (S/TK)

2. My thinking is that, even though the SDWG would be terminated, COMIREX continues to need a subordinate Community body to deal primarily with the policy aspects of utilizing national reconnaissance imagery--a role currently being filled by the TK Modification Working Group (TMWG). I envision the TMWG continuing to have overall responsibility for reaching Community consensus, where possible, on issues pertaining to imagery utilization policy--particularly with regard to compartmentation matters. In addition, it would assume any residual policy functions of the SDWG, although as the reference points out the SDWG has not been active in this area for many years. The TMWG name would be changed to the Imagery Utilization Working Group (IUWG) and it would continue to be chaired by a senior member of the COMIREX Executive Staff. All COMIREX members and consultants would be invited but not required to name representatives to this newly-renamed group. (S/TK)

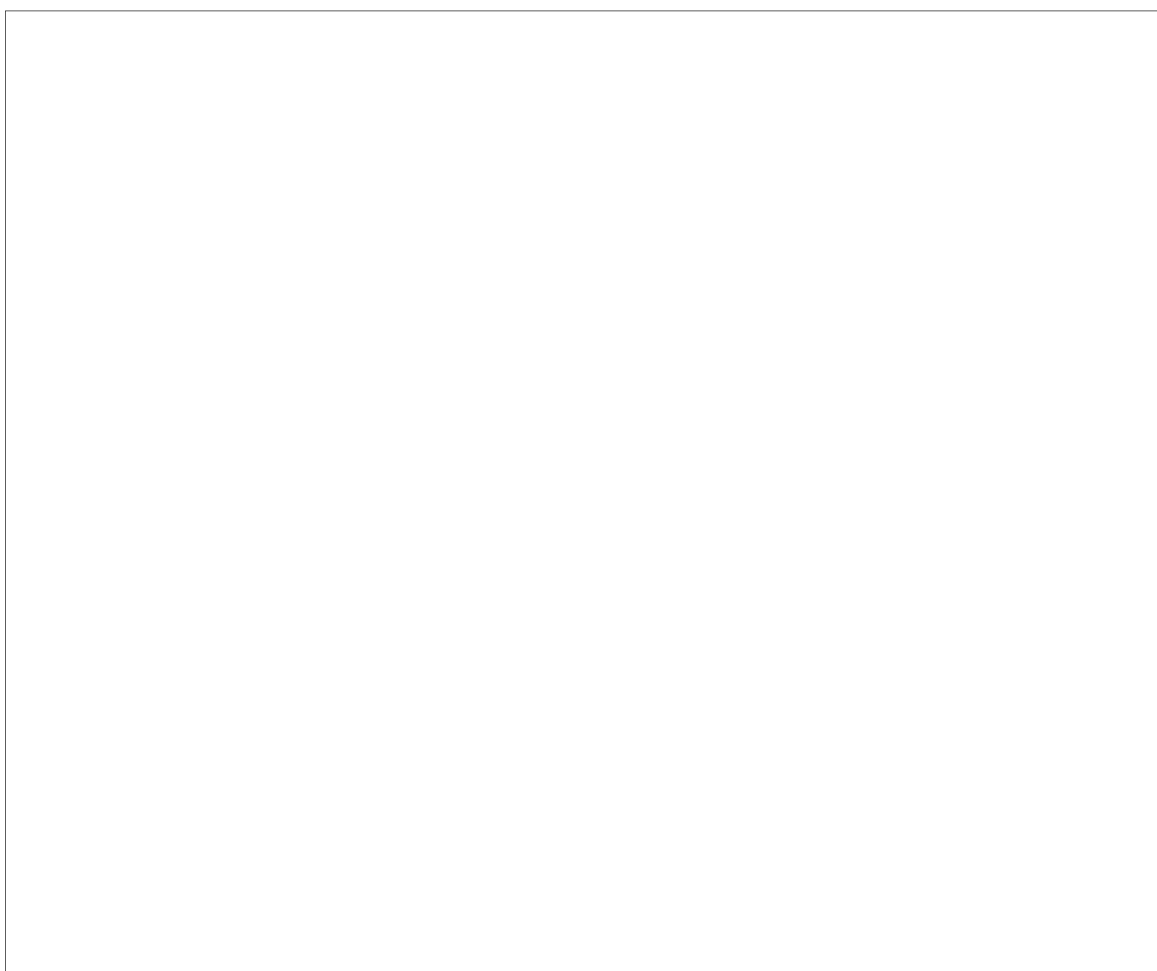
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3. Specifically the IUWG would be responsible for advising the Committee on and developing procedures governing the use of imagery and imagery-derived products collected by national imaging reconnaissance systems, to include dissemination of products, TK control, policy and compartmentation/decompartmentation. I would plan to continue to use the COMIREX itself as a forum for addressing major policy issues associated with civil applications and foreign arrangements; however, at times I might ask the IUWG to review these matters within the context of their other responsibilities. (S)

4. Finally, I believe that COMIREX should continue to be supported by various designated individuals and/or teams in the development and implementation of DCI-approved imagery policy. In an effort to exploit as much of our current expertise as possible, I would hope to continue to receive Community support in the day-to-day execution of approved policy along the following lines:



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I would envision COMIREX maintaining general cognizance of these activities with periodic reports being presented by the responsible parties. In this way COMIREX could serve as a forum for achieving, as appropriate, an increased level of coordination and cohesion. (S/TK)

5. I plan to inform the COMIREX members of your recommendation to disestablish the SDWG and will seek their endorsement of the proposal. After we deactivate the working group, it will be necessary for our staffs to collectively address the matter of retiring SDWG files. (U)



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